C O N C O R D I A U N I V E R S I T Y

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

(of SRC meeting held on Monday, April 15, 1991 at 1:00 P.M., in Room BC-110, SGW campus)

ATTENDANCE -

Members present:	P. Albert, U. De Brentani, E. Doedel, D. Ginter, D. Gold, M. Kusy, J.N. Lightstone (Chair), S. Sankar, M.N.S. Swamy, A. Williams, Evelyne Loo (Secretary)
Absent with regrets:	M. Lefebvre, K. Lipke, B. Mackay, J. Makkonen, J. McGuire, G. Mergen

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

In Advance:

SRC-03-28-91-D133	The enhancement of research, scholarship and creative activity at Concordia University - Discussion paper dated March 25, 1991.

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by the Committee.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

As there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting; they were approved.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Report of the Director of ORS

A.J. Williams announced that there will be two information sessions:

- FCAR seminar will be held on Thursday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. in the Hall Building, Room H-773; and

- SSHRC seminar will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Patrick Mates, of the Research Grants Division of SSHRC, will be attending.

The Chair has extended an invitation to all those who are interested or have any information to share. U. De Brentani has offered to attend the SSHRC seminar.

The FCAR and NSERC results have been received, the Nouveaux Chercheurs results, are still to come.

5.0 "Enhancement of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity at Concordia University"

A motion to withdraw the previous resolution of January 17, 1991, regarding this document was moved by Dr. Kusy and seconded by Dr. Sankar. Motion was approved unanimously.

5.1 Dr. Kusy's re-write copy of page 5 was agreed and incorporated in the document. The following motion was then made:

The Senate Research Committee endorses and recommends to Senate the adoption of the document entitled, "The Enhancement of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity at Concordia University: Discussion Paper (March 25, 1991)", with the following changes:

1. the replacement of page 5 with the text attached as Appendix A;

2. the emendation of page 9, line 22, so that it reads: "... the following ranked priorities";

3. the emendation of page 11, item 1, so that it reads: "Foster the further development and the establishment of ...";

4. the emendation of page 12, item 2, so that it reads: "Where appropriate, ensure the retention or addition within any such context of top-ranked researchers...";

5. the emendation of page 12, item 4, so that it reads: "... direct significant resources to bolstering or establishing these collegial units ...";

6. the emendation of page 13 item 9, so that it reads: "... departments and research centres of the University that take into account the above strategies, within the context and culture of the specific discipline."

was moved by Dr. Sankar and seconded by Dr. Ginter. The motion was approved unanimously.

5.2 The Chair was empowered to judge whether any further amendments recommended by SCAPP accorded with the views expressed by the SRC. If he so judged, then the document, with both committees' recommendations incorporated into it, could go directly to Senate, upon approval by SCAPP.

5.3 The Chair announced that he had sent a letter to Dr. R. Sheinin noting that the capital budget for the FRDP remains seriously low in the University's Capital Budget for 1991-92.

6. <u>Varia</u>

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. in Room BC-110.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

APPENDIX A

above the figure for 1987-88. A fourth FCAR-funded research centre was added to our complement on 1989-90.

Other indicators of the growth of research at Concordia University parallel the increase in grant dollars. Publications, external collaboration, exhibitions and other scholarly and creative works have steadily increased so that there are departments within all Faculties which have established themselves internationally as centre of excellence.

While these advances are noteworthy, they are not as significant across the University-wide context as those of other universities with similar, emerging research profits. Some examples will serve to illustrate this point.

Queen's University, an institution little more than half our size, has, over the last dozen years or so, transformed itself from a primarily undergraduate school into an institution with major commitments and accomplishments in research and graduate studies. The total research dollars awarded last year to faculty at Queen's amounted to some $48 million. In all, this represents a substantial achievement for an institution which but ten years earlier concentrated primarily on undergraduate education.